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From: nkieboom@yahoo.co.uk
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, Apr 17, 2003 12:31 PM
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From: Paula Thomason
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Apr 17, 2003 2:01 PM
Subject: Further De-Regulation and Consolidation of the Media

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Subject: Protect Children's Television!

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Date: Thu, Apr 17, 2003 3:06 PM
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From: Susan Mullins
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu. Apr 17, 2003 8:40 PM
Subject: FW: media conglomeration

From: Susan Mullins <mullsr@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu. 17 Apr 2003 15:32:11 -0400
To: <mpowell@fcc.gov>
Subject: media conglomeration

We feel we must vociferously protest the media conglomeration in this country and would like to share with you the views we have sent on to the TV companies! We also want the break-up of the companies that are in existence, if all they can provide the "cleaned up", "state" messages they have heretofore been providing.

"We feel the kind of news coverage coming from the TV and the "slant" of its shows has failed the American public, abysmally.

I read about the results of agent orange on Vietnam War Vets' children in April, 2001; when I was going through chemotherapy. This was easy to connect since my father was achernist at Diamond Alkalai in Newark in 1945 - manufacturing agent orange! Within a very short time, all the members of his division were dead from cancer. His children before 1945 are fine, but I was born after.

To not tell Americans of the after effects of depleted uranium on both Iraqis and THEIR OWN CHILDREN, is criminal. We have not been able to stomach or tolerate your news casts. Please share the dark side of what we are doing. It is truly your duty to your countrymen and YOUR OWN LIVES! The current statistics are 4.5 out of 10 Americans can expect to have to deal with cancer in their lifetime.

Why is the money we are spending not considered? We are "beggaring" ourselves into what that truly infamous spokesman, Michael Savage, calls "turd world nation status! How does it happen that Halliburton gets \$7 BILLION for stopping fires in Iraq (fires that are already "capped!") when some area of the country are going to 4 day school weeks to save 20% on teachers' salaries? Why are library hours being drastically reduced, yet we have money for DynCorp to go into Iraq with "questionable" operations? The *NY* should be reporting on these matters!

Please do not make the *NY* a curious artifact in our home. Return it to a source of information and entertainment we can respect. It would be the most "patriotic" thing you could do if the truth were told!"

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Richard Mullins

From: K Ryder8633@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
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Subject: Change in FCC rules

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To: Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Apr 17, 2003 10:27 PM
Subject: June 2 vote

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To: Commissioner Adelstein
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Subject: Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

As a consumer of media in various forms, newspaper, TV, radio, etc., I am following with interest your pursuit of rule changes concerning ownership of *TV* and newspapers in the same market. Recent articles suggest publishers and others who own both newspapers and TV stations are making the case that because there are so many more choices for consumers now, ie satellite, cable etc. that the rules should be relaxed.

I would tend to agree if not for the fact that broadcasters (NAB) fight tooth and nail to bar the delivery of distant network signals by capable distribution channels (satellite). If I am only allowed local channels, what extra choice do I have? Should the same company own a TV station, newspaper and web site or radio station in the same market, even with all the various delivery choices I may have, my overall choice will be reduced.

Should you decide to relax cross-ownership rules, I strongly suggest you also consider relaxing rules related to distant network availability, particularly as it relates to satellite, and allow consumers real choice instead of consolidation of editorial and marketing strength.

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James Embree

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Las Vegas, Nevada

From: Beverly Gibson
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB. Commissioner
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